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1. 'Ammar Bey, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior in charge of Public Security, told informant that the Egyptian Council of Ministers is concerned over the fact that the Egyptian communist movement may reach dangerous proportions as a result of funds and direction provided it by the Soviet Legation in Cairo. Because of this situation, informant states, the Council has debated the question of requesting the Soviet Government to close its legation and consulate in Cairo. The Egyptian Legation in Moscow would also be closed. The Council of Ministers has encountered difficulty, however, in finding a pretext for taking these actions.
2. Recently some photographs of cards, which are purported to be the personal records of individuals who have engaged in espionage and subversive activity for the Soviet Intelligence Service in Egypt, came into the possession of the Egyptian Police. This evidence, informant states, was shown to 'Ammar Bey and Prime Minister 'Abd-al-Hadi Pasha. The Egyptian Police are taking into account the possibility that the photographed cards are forgeries, and are attempting to verify their authenticity. Up to now they have been unable to do so.
3. Informant did not state whether or not the Egyptian Government had decided to ask the Soviet Government to close its diplomatic and consular establishments in Egypt without the support of the evidence mentioned in paragraph 2 above. However, informant states that it was his impression, based upon the attitude of the Prime Minister, that the action would be taken, regardless of the evidence.

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